



SONIC THE COMIC

COMPLETE SONIC STORY

BUBBLE TROUBLE IT'S A GAS-P!

COMPLETE STORY
TAILS!

COMPLETE STORY

MEGA-DROID!

CONCLUSION

KNUCKLES!

PLUS

OLYMPIC GRAPHIC ZONE WITH
NEW CRAYOLA PRIZES!

REVIEWS, Q ZONE AND MORE!



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FORTNIGHTLY

CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

Have we got a sporting issue for you! Despite the Euro '96 footie championships being well and truly over, that global games event, the Olympics, is in full swing right now. To celebrate, Sonic and co get on their marks for some athletic action in the Graphic Zone. If you're looking for more physical activity then run your fingers through to the Q Zone!

Story-wise, this issue features a special, multi-media, multi-talented personality - me! Yes, having received enough fan mail to wedge open the office door, I thought it was time you Boomers knew more about my daily doings at STC and how annoying my hume colleagues are! If you want to read further adventures about yours truly, write in or e-mail me. I'm waiting ...

That second star of the comic, Sonic (just joking!) gets in to an airtight spot of Bubble Trouble and there's no medals for guessing who's behind it all ... Tails encounters someone from his past - find out who, in Hidden Danger. Meanwhile, the guardian of the Floating Island grapples with the guardian of the Mobian Channel in the conclusion to Troubled Waters.

Finally, Sega delve into their classic game archives this summer and re-release Sonic 2, plus Sonic and Knuckles at giveaway prices - see the Review Zone and enjoy!

Megadroid

RIGHT ON Q!

Judging by the number of Boomers still being driven crackers by the Scrap Brain Zone, or getting lost in the Labyrinth Zone, help will be at hand in the form of the Q Zone; as it revisits old games from Sonic's past.

From STC 84 onwards, the Q Zone will be supplying hints, tips and cheats galore on getting through those niggly levels and zones. It's crucial information to keep and collect - all at your fingertips! What more could a Sonic Boomer ask for?



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- 10 RE MICRO MACHINES 2

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- 9 ↓ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 10 RE THUNDERHAWK

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- 4 • FIFA SOCCER '96
- 5 RE MICRO MACHINES 2
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- 7 ↓ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 8 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 9 RE COLUMNS
- 10 ↓ REN AND STIMPY

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG™

Bubble Trouble

COMPLETE STORY

Script: LEW STRINGER

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Lettering: ELIE DU'VILLE



DAYS LATER, SONIC AND TAILS RESPOND TO A DISTRESS CALL IN THE LABYRINTH ZONE...

THERE'S NO ONE AROUND, SONIC! THIS COULD BE A TRAP!

GET WITH THE PROGRAM, PIXEL-BRAIN! OF COURSE IT'S A TRAP!

THEN WHY HAVE WE COME HERE?

IT WAS A SLOW DAY! I FELT LIKE A BIT OF EXCITEMENT!

LOOKS LIKE YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED THEN!

NEW BADNIKS! I WONDER WHAT THESE GOONS WILL DO? TICKLE US TO DEATH?

YOW! FIRE-BREATH!

I'D LAY OFF THE CHILLI IF I WERE YOU!

LOOK OUT, SONIC!





MEANWHILE, ON THE SURFACE...

NNK! I MAY BE OUTNUMBERED, BUT I WON'T GIVE UP WHILE I CAN STILL USE MY FISTS!



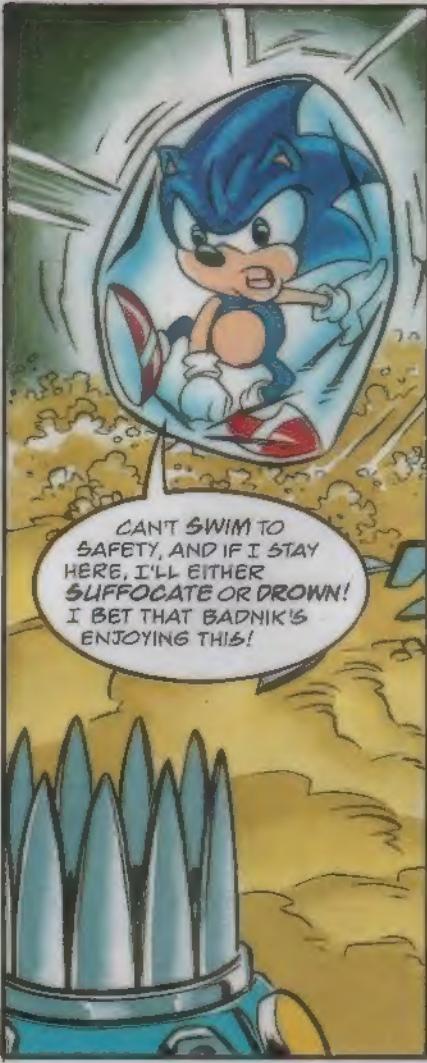
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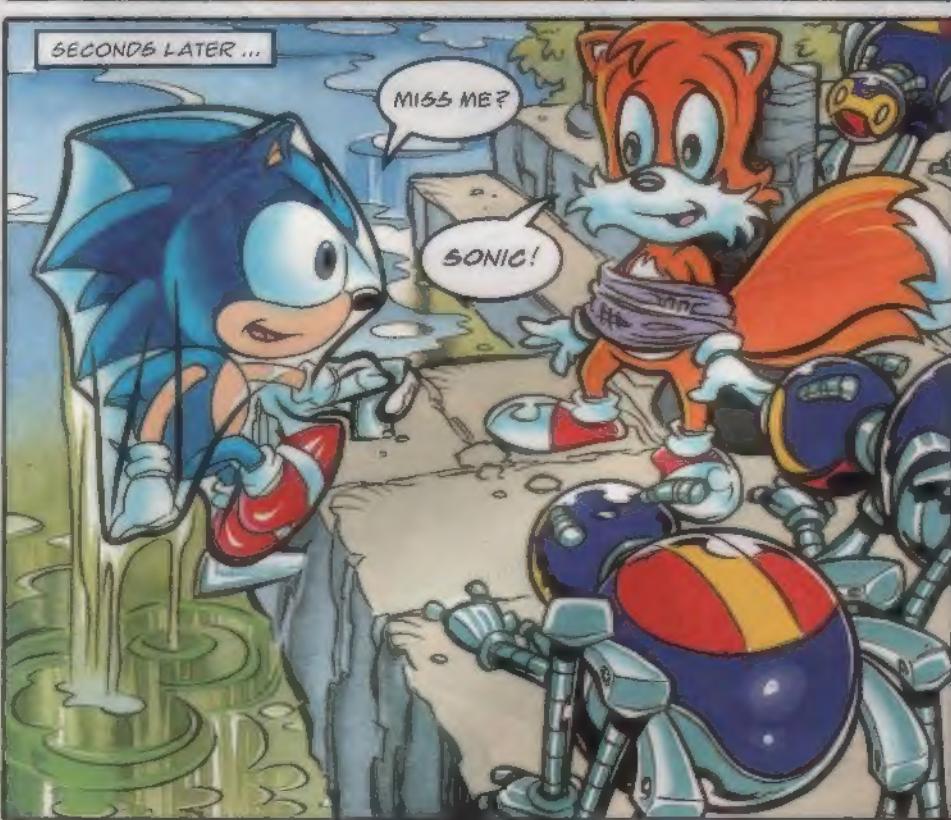
THE BUBBLE IS SHRINKING AS I'M USING THE AIR UP! IF I DON'T ESCAPE SOON, I'M FINISHED!

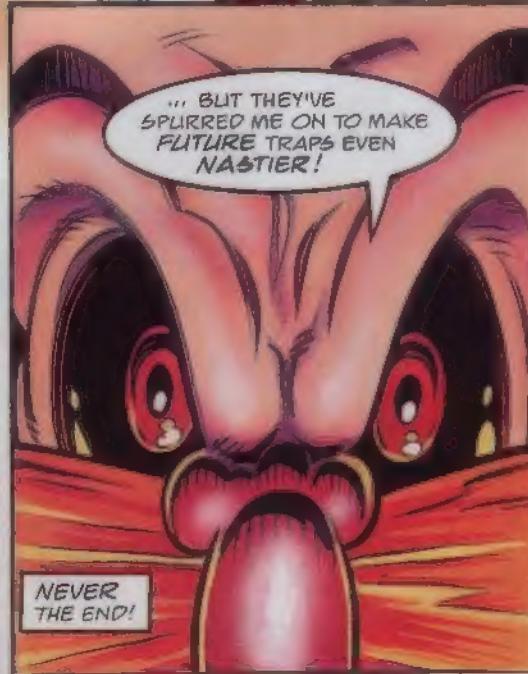
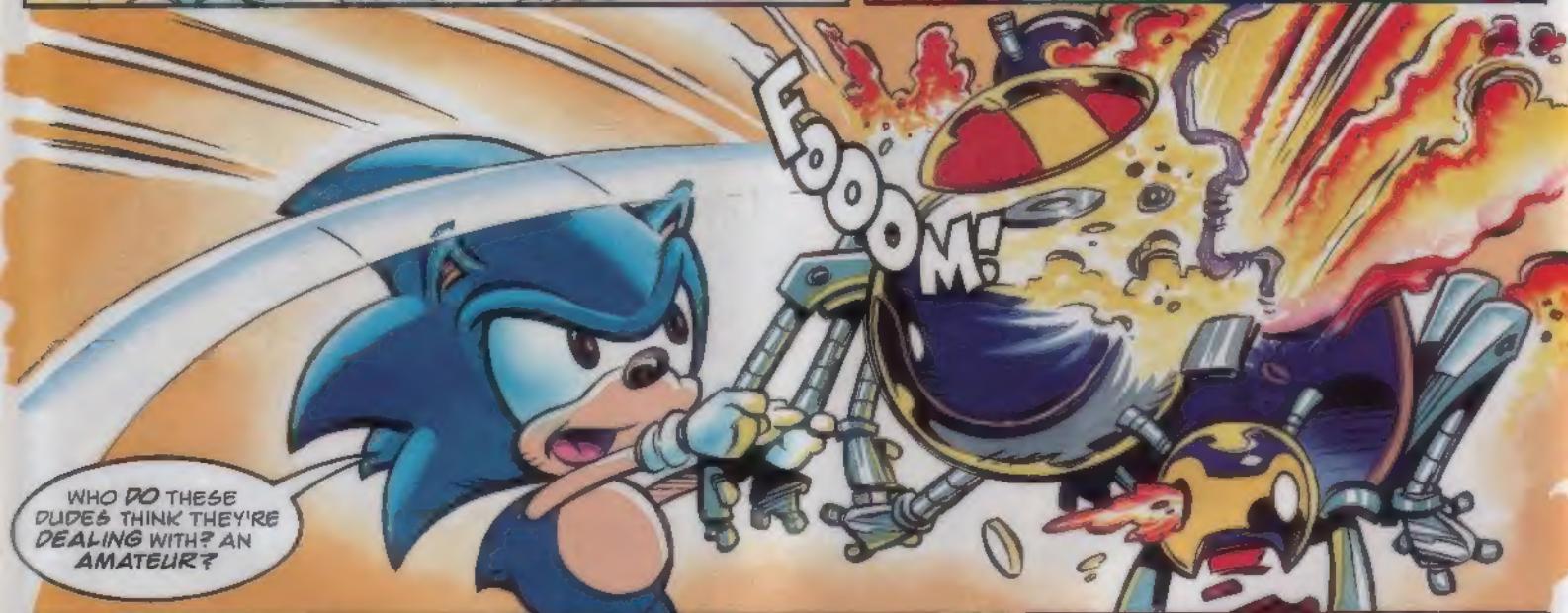


CAN'T SWIM TO SAFETY, AND IF I STAY HERE, I'LL EITHER SUFFOCATE OR DROWN! I BET THAT BADNIK'S ENJOYING THIS!

IF I CAN JUST REACH THE DEBRIS FROM THE OTHER BADNIK...







REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM

UNDER 40 = YAWNNSVILLE

40-70 = NORMALSVILLE

70-80 = FUN CITY

80-90 = BIG TIME CITY

OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

Sega know they can't keep good games down, which is why they've re-released a couple of cool, classic games. Whether you're just out of nappies, or reaching your teens and beyond, these Mega Drive games are still a joy to play!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

Reviewed by David Gibbon



MEGA DRIVE

GAME TYPE: PLATFORM
PLAYERS: 1-2

PUBLISHER: SEGA
PRICE: £19.99

RE-RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL

For all those new Sonic Boomers who weren't lucky enough to catch this smash hit game, the first time round, Sega have re-released *Sonic 2*.

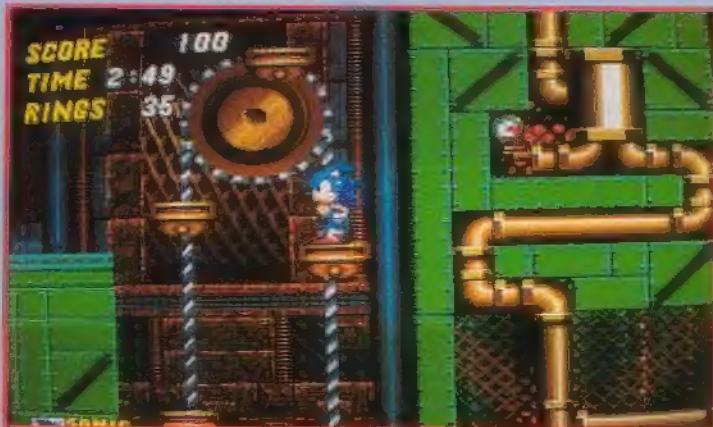
The game was originally launched in November 1992, on a day known as Sonic Twosday (well, it was released on Tuesday!). Amazingly, it sold a whopping 750,000 copies on its first day, more than any other video game - ever!

Sonic 2 saw the debut of Sonic's best friend Tails, and included many new zones, power ups, plus the new two-player mode, where both Sonic and Tails help each other out. There was even a split-screen, two-player game, which enabled the dynamic duo to



race each other in order to complete a level in the fastest time. There was also a brilliant bonus game too, where both Sonic and Tails raced along a 3D tunnel collecting rings.

If you don't own *Sonic 2*, then don't even think about it, just buy it! You'll experience Sonic and Tails at their very best!



FINAL COUNTDOWN

RAVES

One of Sonic's all time best!



GRAPHICS 90

GRAVES

Not much point buying - if you've already got it, that is!



SOUND 92

PLAYABILITY 93

OVERALL 91

SONIC & KNUCKLES



GAME TYPE: PLATFORM
PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: SEGA
PRICE: £24.99

RE-RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL



Having already achieved a succession of hits with *Sonic 1*, *2*, and *3*, Sega's super cool hedgehog was paired up with a certain red, dreaded, Echidna and *Sonic & Knuckles* was created! Knuckles was given a share of the limelight as well a chance to show-off; he certainly impressed fans with his climbing skills!

Sonic & Knuckles was the first game of its type to have a top-slot, allowing previous titles in the series to be backwardly compatible. By placing *Sonic 3* into *Sonic & Knuckles*, allows you to be Knuckles in the game; thus adding a new dimension to gameplay and giving value for money with *Sonic 1*, *2*, and *3*!



Played over a total of six levels with two new bonus rounds, there are harder to beat bosses, together with plenty more objects to interact with and avoid. The 3D in-yer-face Special Stage previously seen in *Sonic 3*, is still present, plus the energetic activities of running at speed, collecting rings and finding emeralds remains unchanged.

The much criticised F-Ram save facility introduced in *Sonic 3* is not included in *Sonic & Knuckles*, making it much harder to complete. Those who like a challenge will be more than satisfied.

FINAL COUNTDOWN	
RAVES Excellent value for money	GRAPHICS 91
GRAVES You'll be left eating dinner	SOUND 70
PLAYABILITY 84	
OVERALL 82	

NUCKLES FACES
THE MENACE OF
CAPTAIN CLAW...

I PATROL
THE WATERS OF
THE MOBIAN
CHANNEL!

YOU
WERE A FOOL
TO TRY TO CROSS,
NUCKLES... NOW YOU
MUST PAY THE
PRICE!

IF YOU
THINK I'LL LET
YOU TURN ME IN
FOR ROBOTNIK'S
REWARD...

OH, I DON'T
EXPECT YOU TO
COME QUIETLY! IN
FACT I RATHER
HOPE YOU'LL
RESIST...

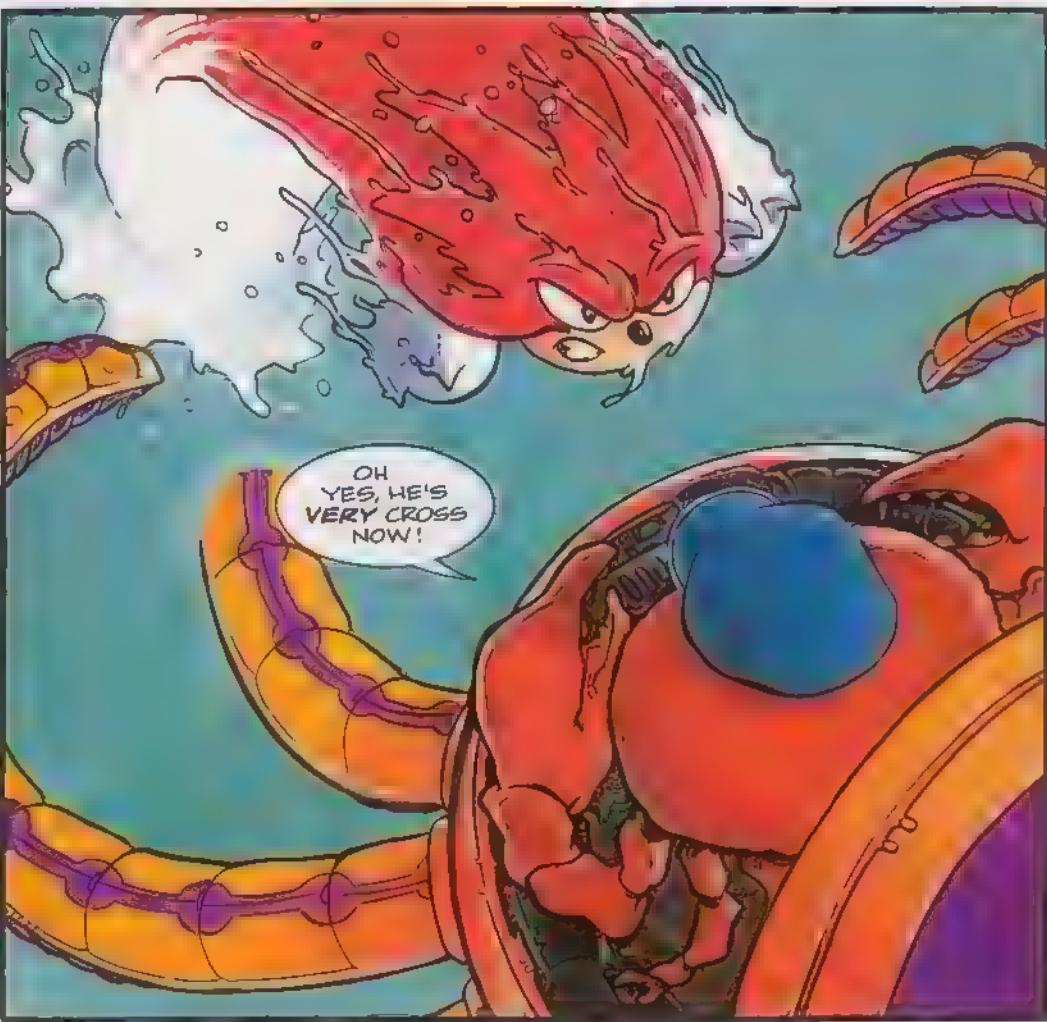
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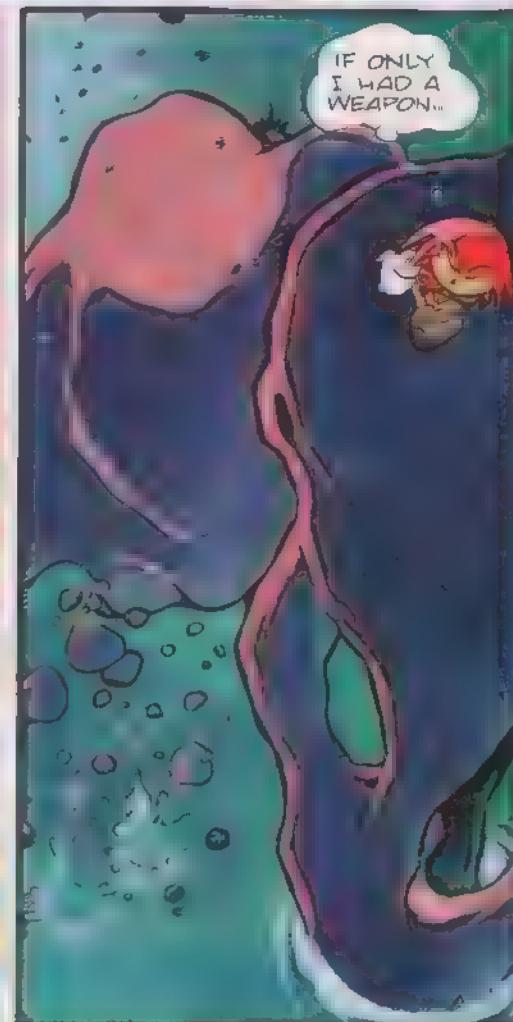
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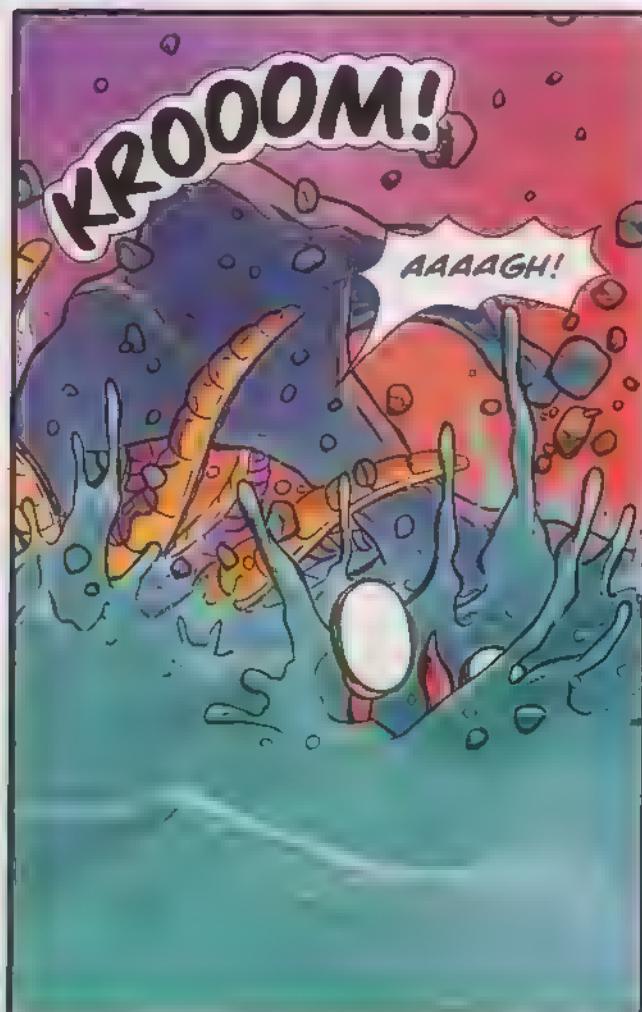
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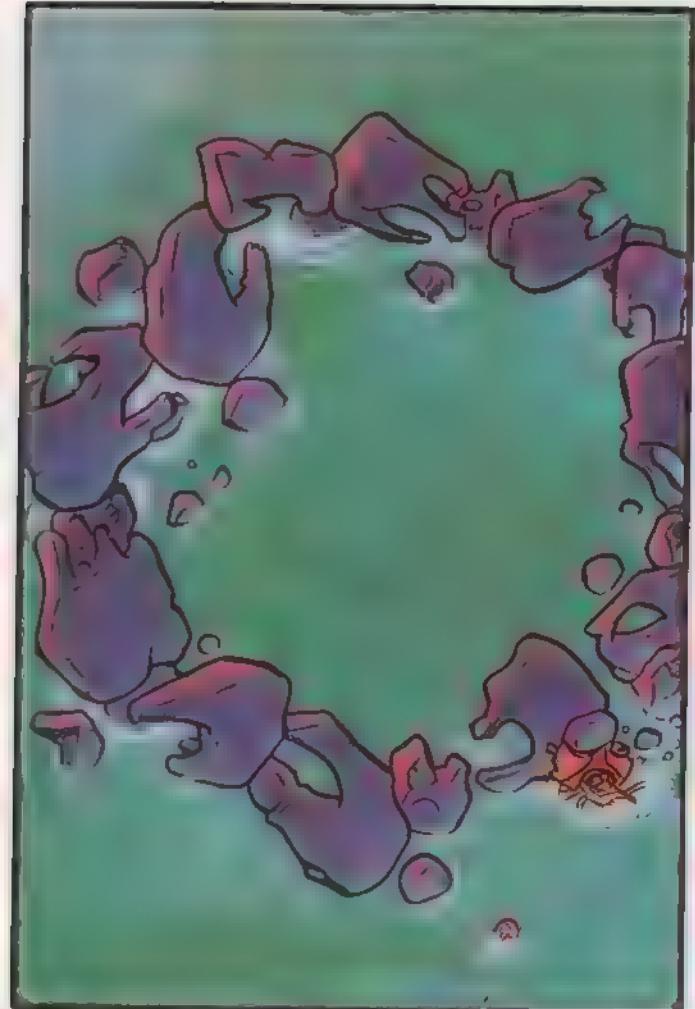
NUCKLES TROUBLED WATERS

STORY: NIGEL KITCHEN
ART: NIGEL WOODHILL
COLOR: ELIZA FELD









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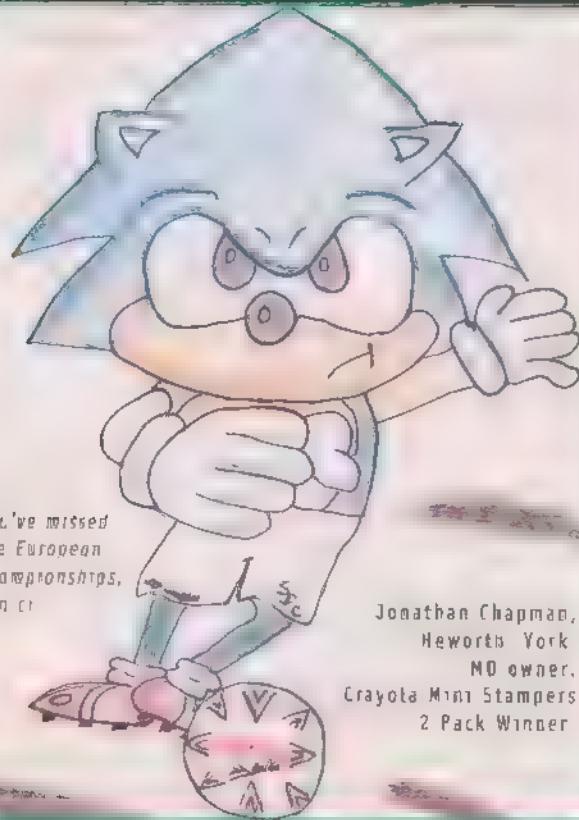
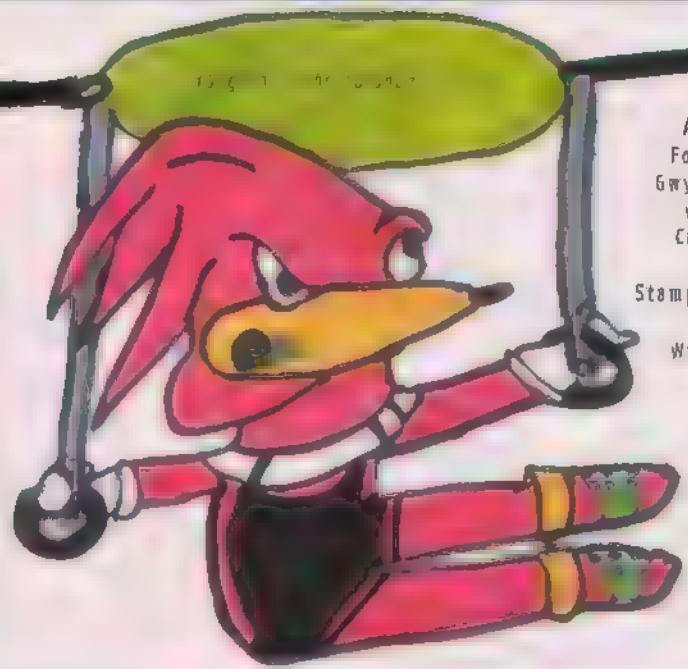
OLYMPIC ZONE

Who is that mystery
martial arts expert?



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Dyfed, S Wales.
Crayola Mini
Stampers 2 Pack
Winner.

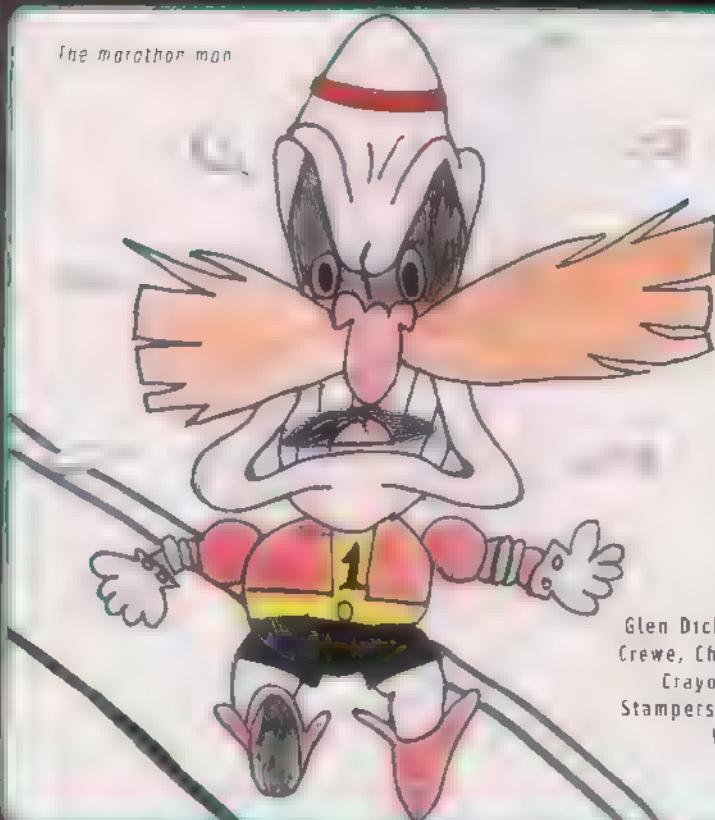
Angela Formby,
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Wales.
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You've missed
the European
Championships,
Son of...

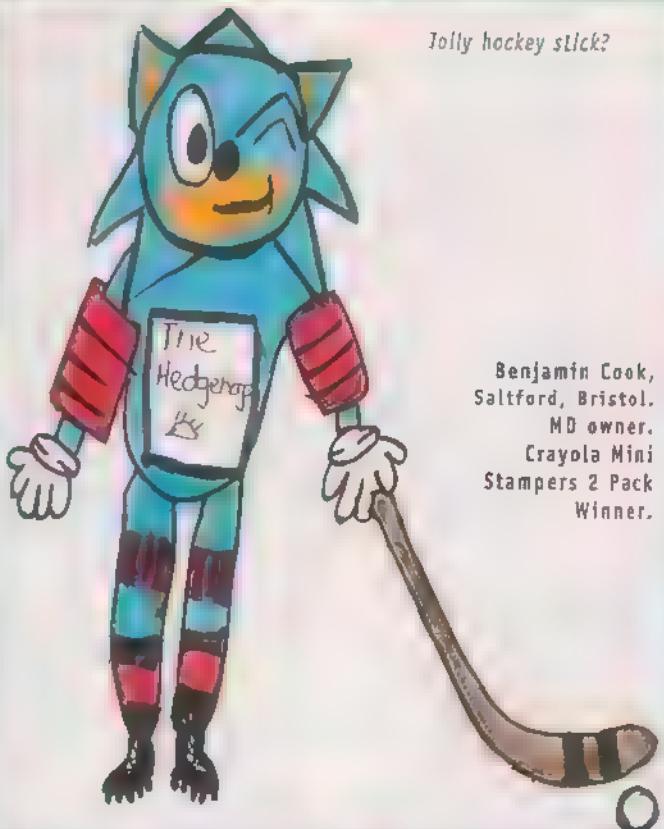
Jonathan Chapman,
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2 Pack Winner

The marathon man



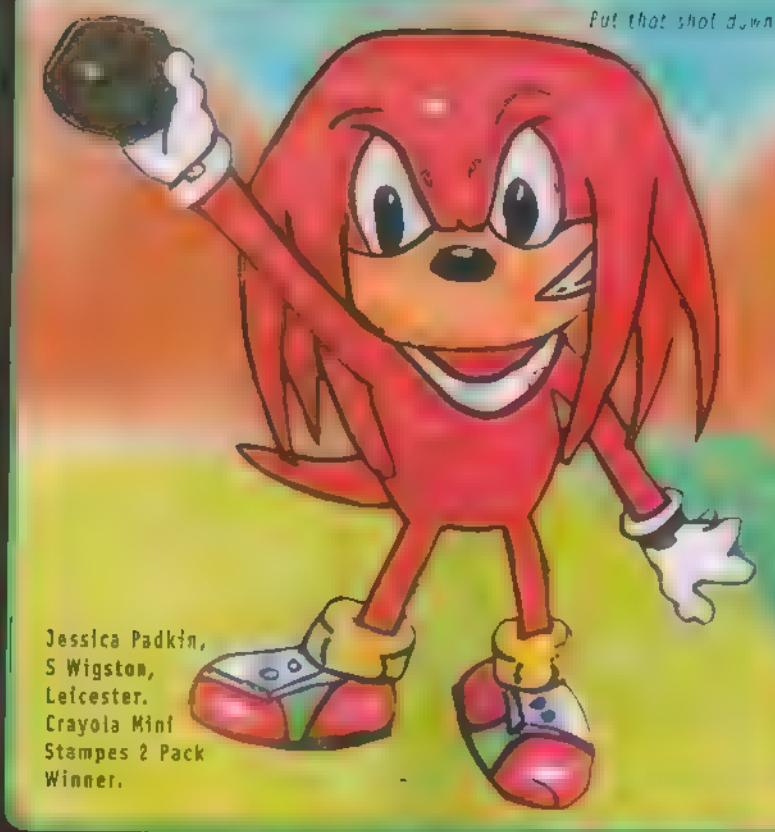
Glen Dickenson,
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Winner.

Jolly hockey stick?



Benjamin Cook,
Saltford, Bristol.
MD owner.
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Stampers 2 Pack
Winner.

Put that shot down



Jessica Padkin,
S Wigston,
Leicester.
Crayola Mini
Stampers 2 Pack
Winner.

A Mighty Olympian!

ATLANTA ZONE OLYMPICS



Chris Ashman,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
Crayola Mini Stampers 2
Pack Winner.

Swing out Amy



Jennifer
Spreadbury,
Cranleigh,
Surrey. MD II
owner.
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Stampers 2
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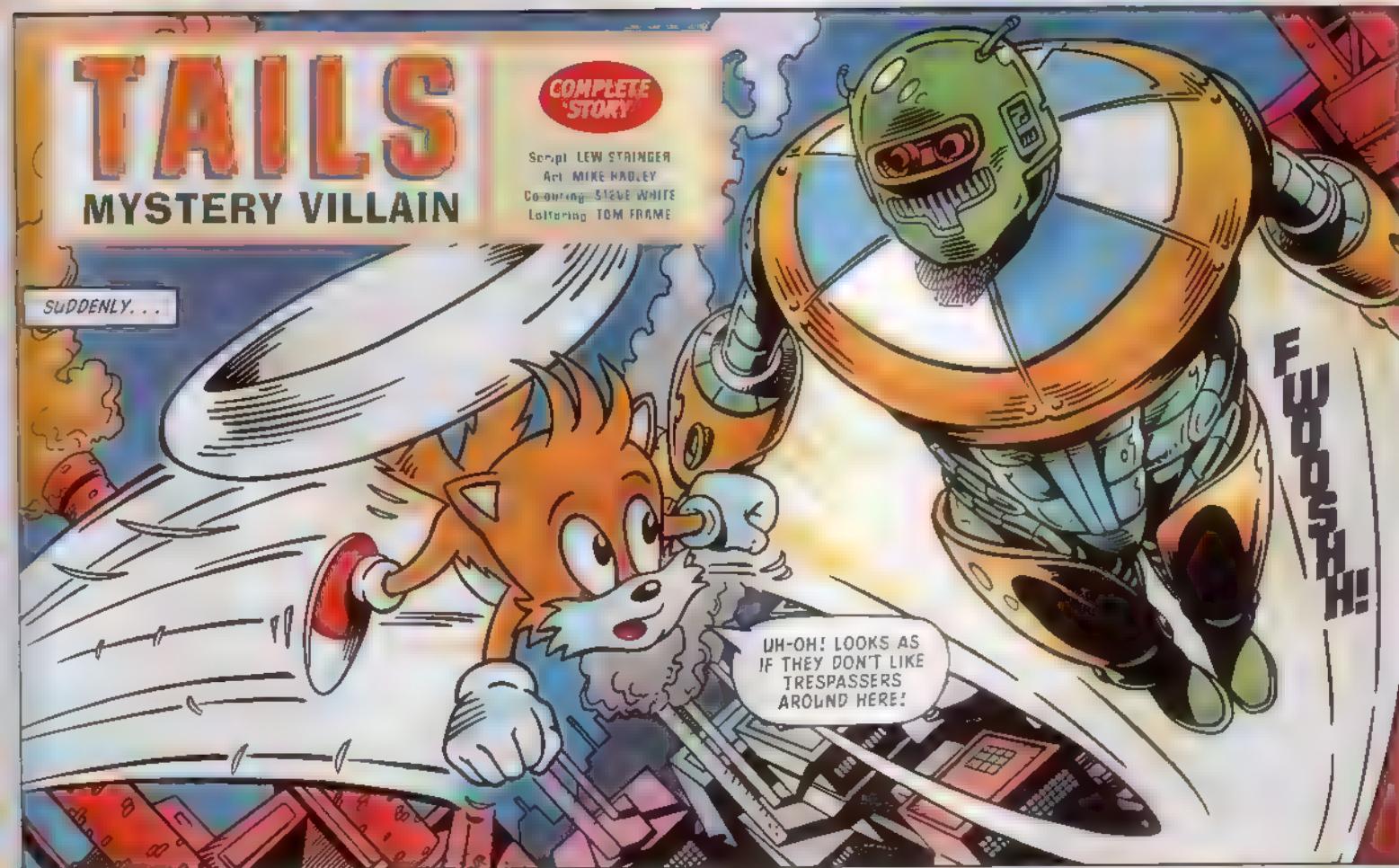
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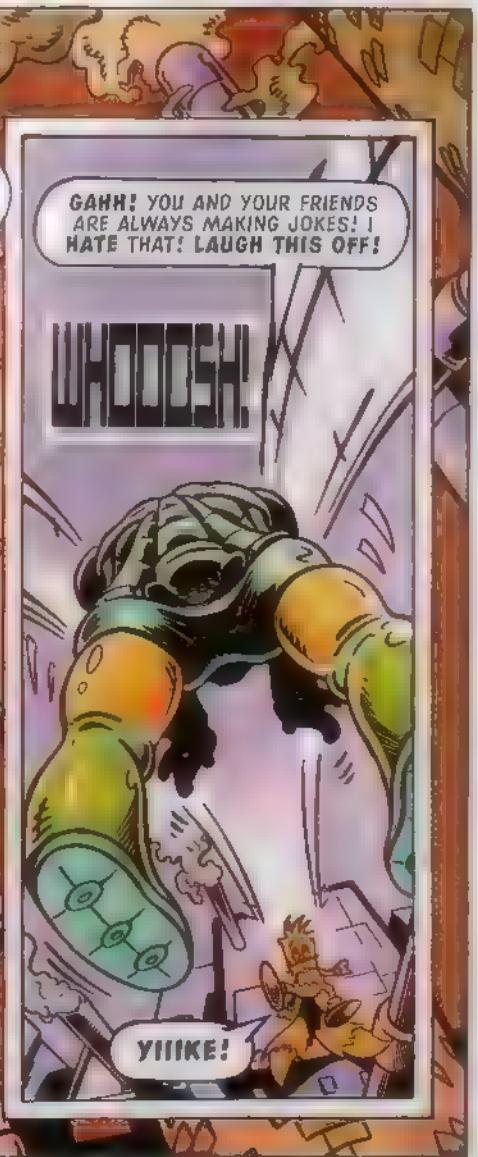
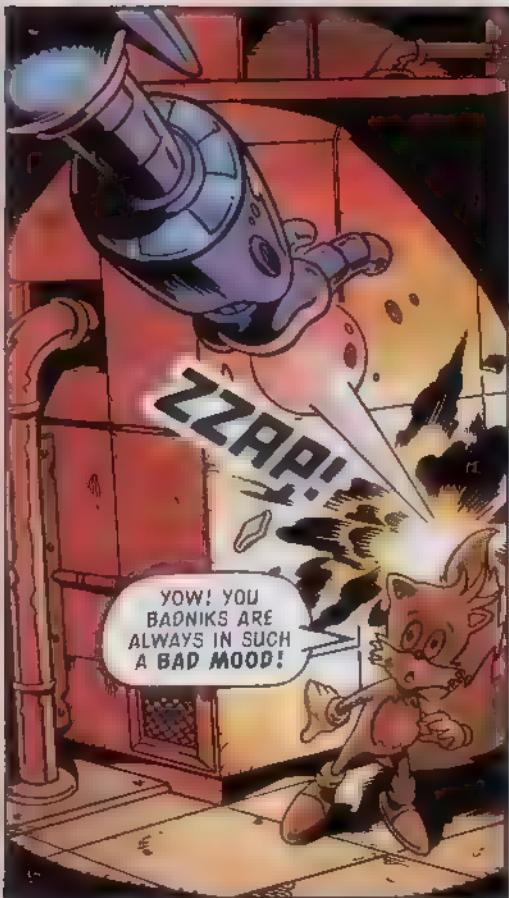
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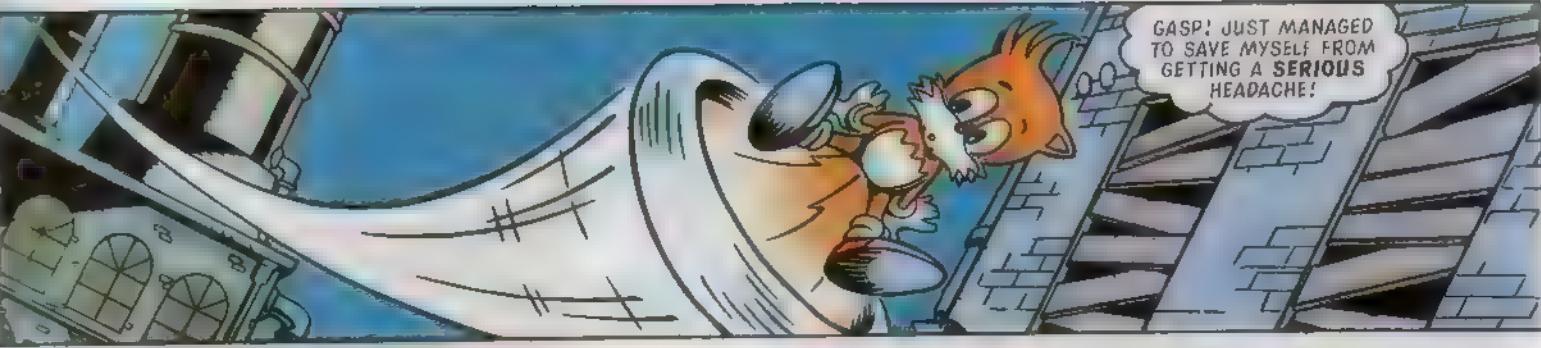
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EACH ARTIST-HOME WHO GETS
THEIR HANDWORK PRINTED IN
STC WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF
CRAYOLA MINI STAMPERS 2
SHAPED NIBBED, COLOUR PENS.









GASP! JUST MANAGED
TO SAVE MYSELF FROM
GETTING A SERIOUS
HEADACHE!



WHO EVER THAT BADNIK
IS INSIDE THE ARMOUR
KNOWS ME! IT MUST
BE AN OLD ENEMY ...
BUT WHO?



MAYBE
IT'S TIME I
WENT ON THE
OFFENSIVE!



ULP! MAYBE
NOT

DESTROY!

BZAPP!



I'M GETTING TIRED
NOW. ...BUT THIS DUDE
ISN'T GIVING UP!
GOTTA THINK OF SOME
THING FAST!



YOU DARE
TO MOCK ME!



HEY, USELESS! PERHAPS
YOU'D HAVE A BETTER
CHANCE OF HITTING ME
IF I STAYED STILL!

HOPE THIS
WORKS!

I WILL HAVE
MY REVENGE!

ZZAPP!

CRRRUMBLE

OH, NO!

CRRRAASH!

THAT
MUST HAVE
HURT!

METAMORPHIA!
SO THAT'S WHO THE
BADNIK IN DISGUISE
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GROAN!

METAMORPHIA USED TO
BE A SHAPE-SHIFTER AND
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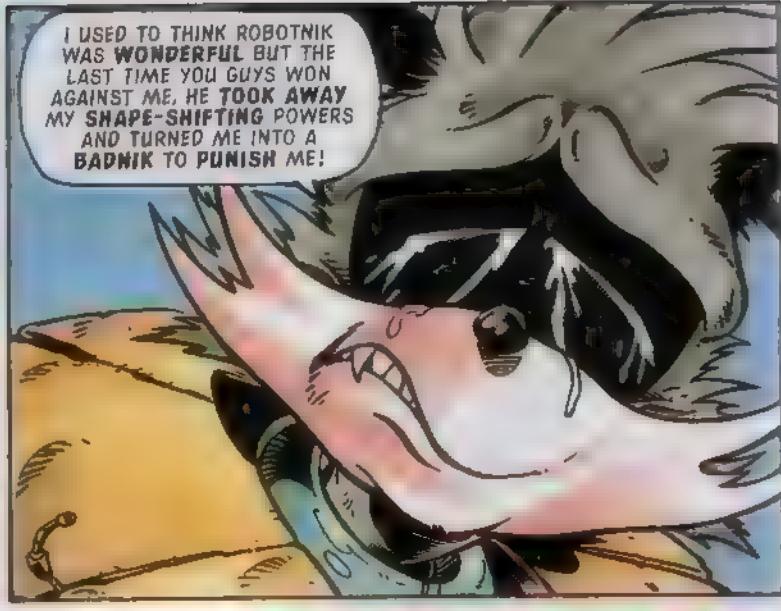
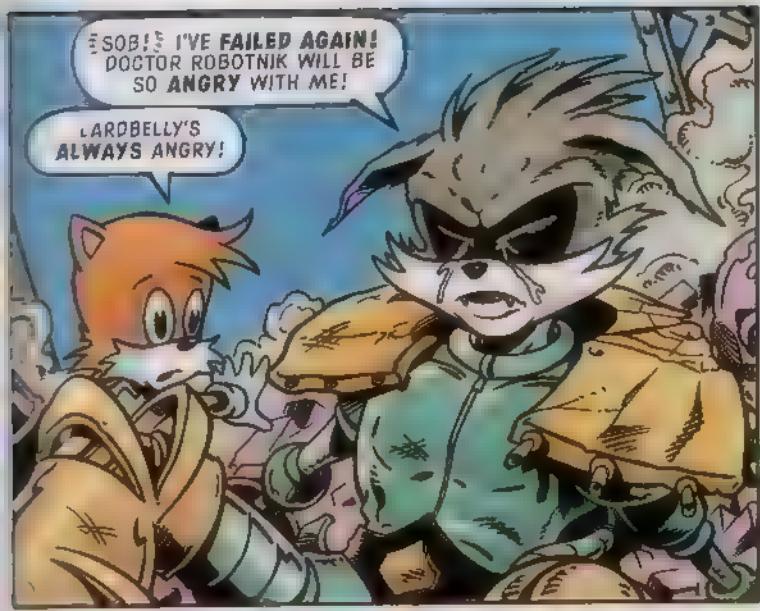
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NEXT ISSUE: SNEAKER SEEKER!



ZONE

Q IS FOR QUESTION.

Q IS FOR QUIET.

Q IS FOR QUANDARY.

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE Q ZONE FOR HINTS, TIPS AND HELP WITH YOUR FAVOURITE SEGA GAMES, DROP A LINE TO:

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Compiled by Chris Jarvis

The Q Zone goes for gold this issue with a selection of sporty games. Get to grips with these, and you'll be on top of the winners rostrum, no sweat!

FIFA SOCCER '96



If England or Scotland win the European Championships this summer, they'll no doubt have borrowed some of the super skills used in *FIFA '96*! Just go to the Options, then to the control screen by pressing Pause. Press A for the cheat menu screen, and select any of these codes:-

Dream Team	A,A,B,B,A,C,C,B,C,C,A,A
Super Kick	B,A,B,B,C,B,A,C,B,B,B,B,B,B
Super Keeper	A,A,A,A,A,B,B,B,B,B,A,C,C
Super Offence	A,A,A,C,C,B,C,A,A,B,C,C
Super Defence	B,B,B,C,B,C,A,C,B,B,B,C,B



To improve your teams' ability and strength, Select Options and then select Transfer News. Go to the best teams in the world, swap their players with your reserves. Now swap the team members you don't want with your new improved reserves.





JOHN MADDEN '96



MEGA
DRIVE

"41, 42, 44...HUT...HUT...HUT." Instead of a play like this on Madden, why not try a Turbo Ball? To play in this mode just press A,C,C,B,B, before the main menu appears.

NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION



MEGA
DRIVE

Get ready to basket some balls! Using famous people as players, instead of the likes of Michael Jordan and Shaq, makes this game extra fun ...



BILL Clinton

C-Press A & Start, I-Press any button, C-Press B & Start.

HILLARY Clinton

H-Press any button, C-Press B & Start, Space-Press any button.

PRINCE Charles

R-Press B & Start, O-Press A & Start, Y-Press any button.

KID Silk

K-Press any button, S-Press B & Start, K-Press C & Start.

Heavy D

H-Press A & Start, V-Press any button, Y-Press B & Start.



SEGA RALLY



MEGA
DRIVE

When there's mud, trees, and smart cars around, it's going to be a rally good time!

HINTS AND TIPS

To get the wicked Lancia Stratos car, press X,Y,Z,Y,X, at the main menu. Go to the bottom car, and press down. Manual transmission is on one side, Automatic on the other.

To select the Lakeside Track while keeping X+Y pressed down, enter the Time Attack or Practice modes.

Get a Hyper Car by selecting your car in Arcade mode, and pressing X+C at the same time. Press Start, and your car will become a speedy, smooth handling, dream machine.

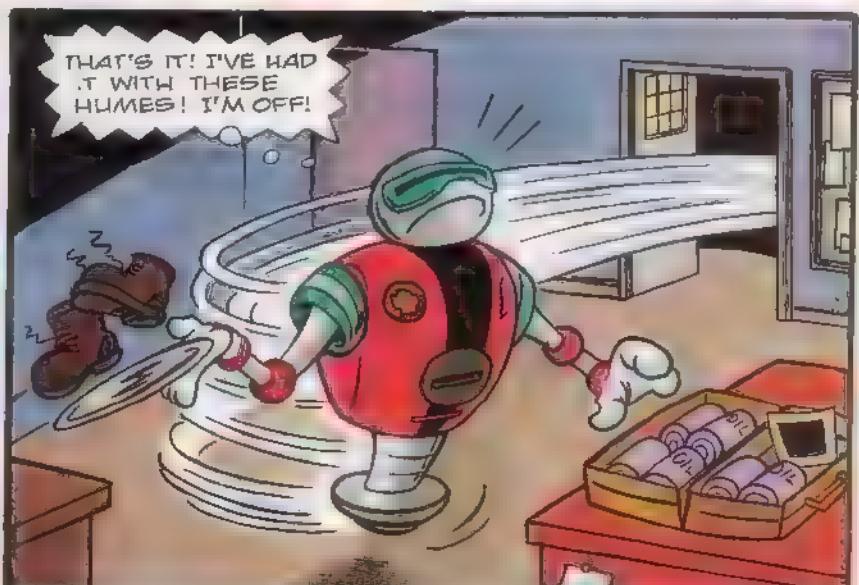
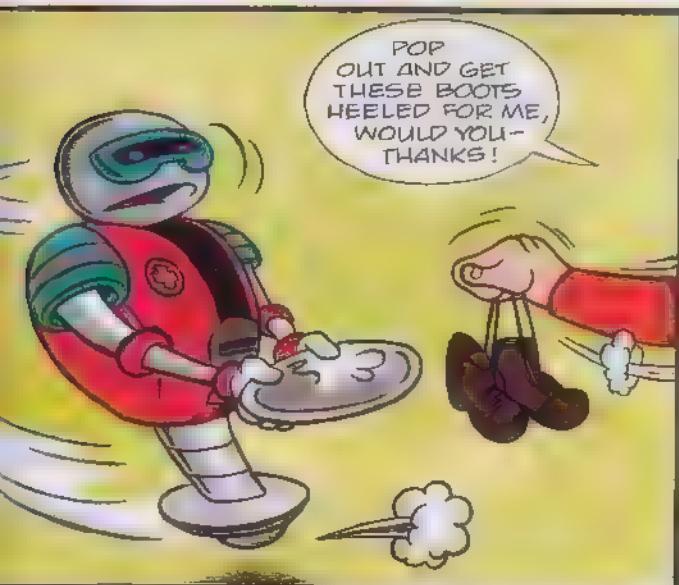
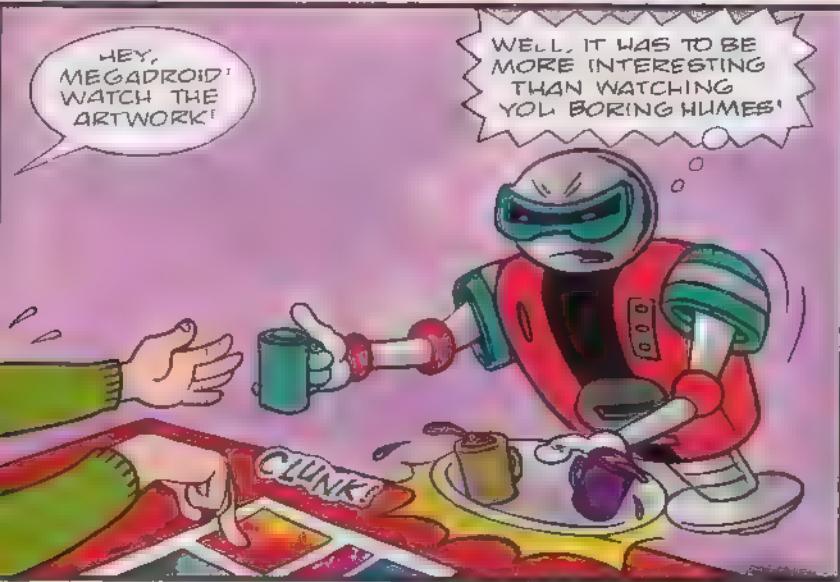
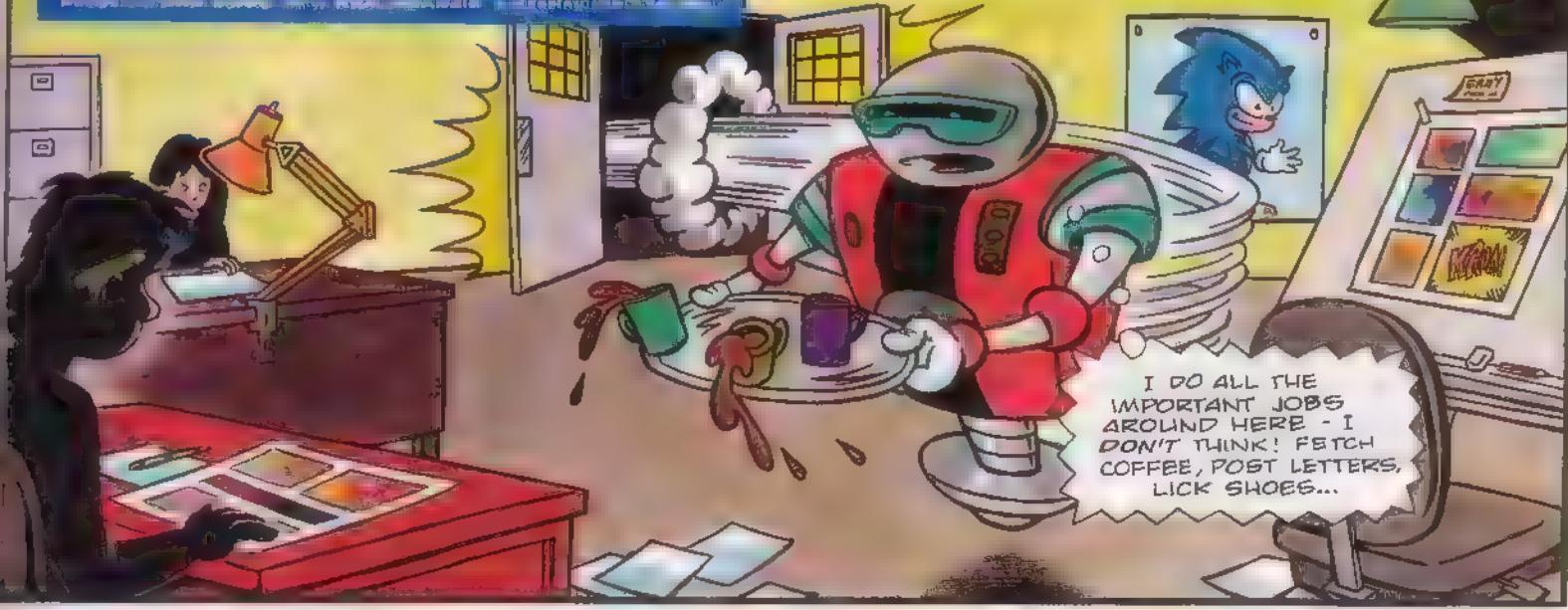
At the Sega Rally title screen, hold down Y and press start. Keeping Y held down, make all your selections as normal, using the C key. Release Y as you zoom into the start of your race and your track will be reversed. Back-tastic!

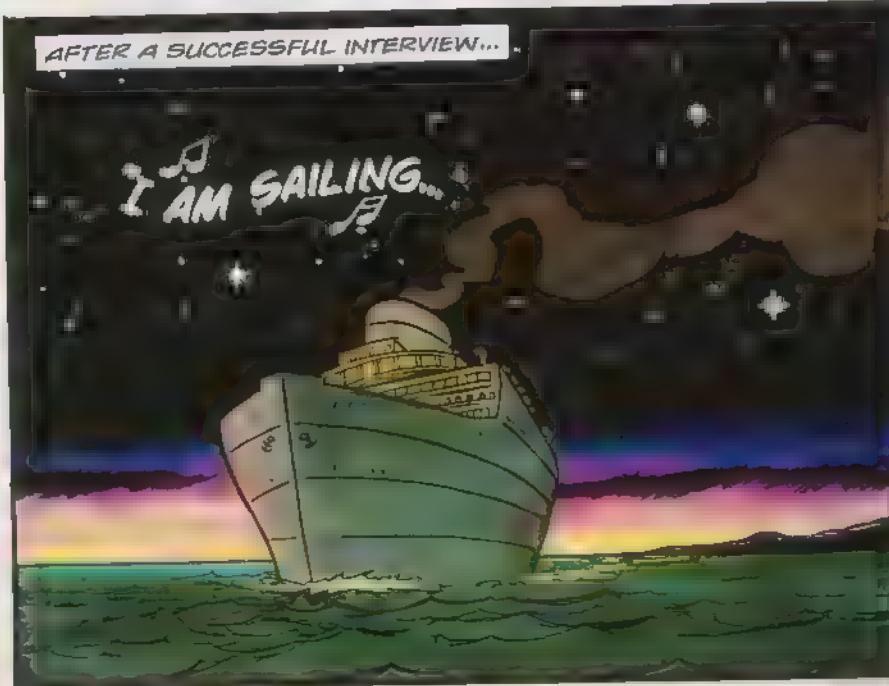
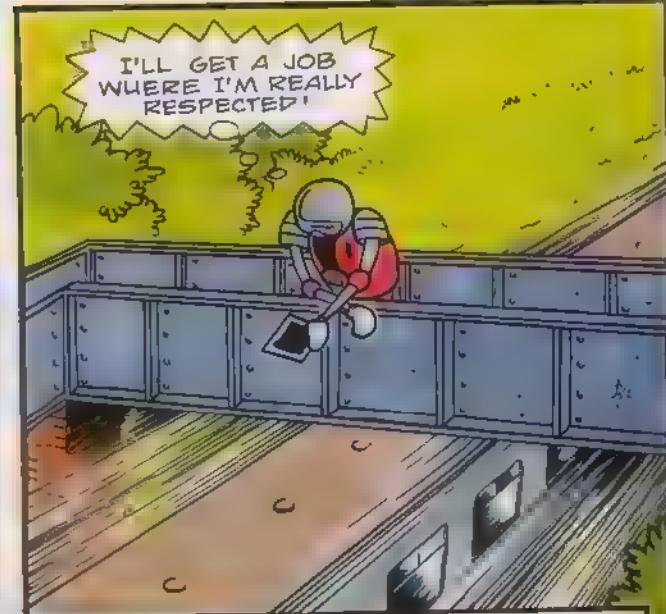


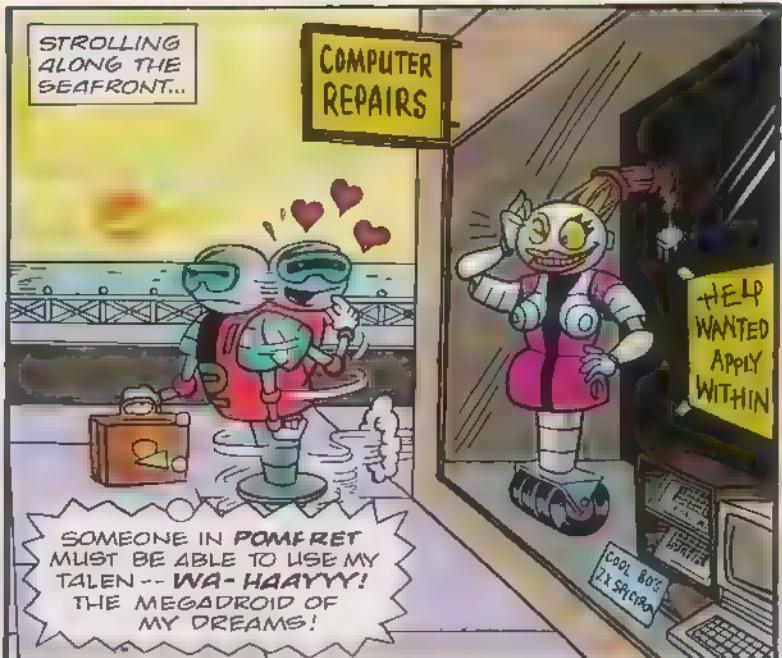
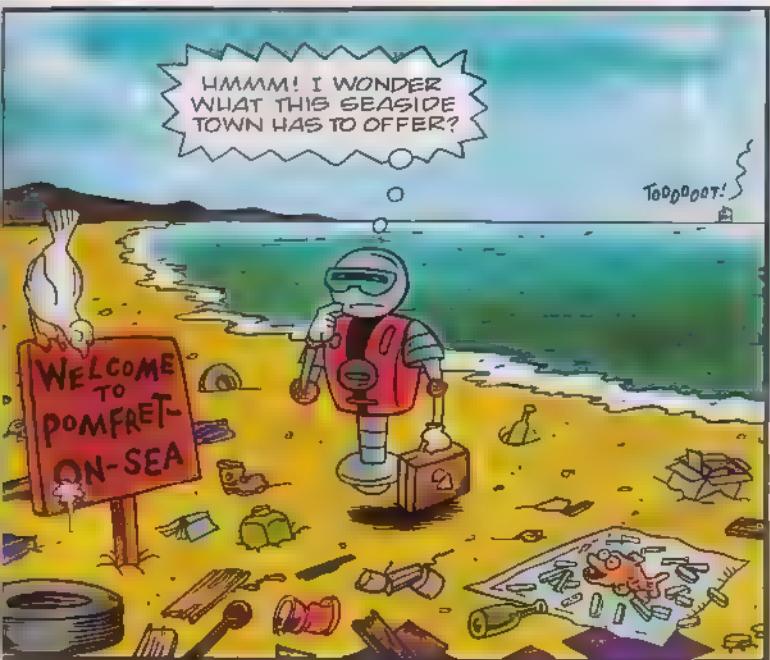
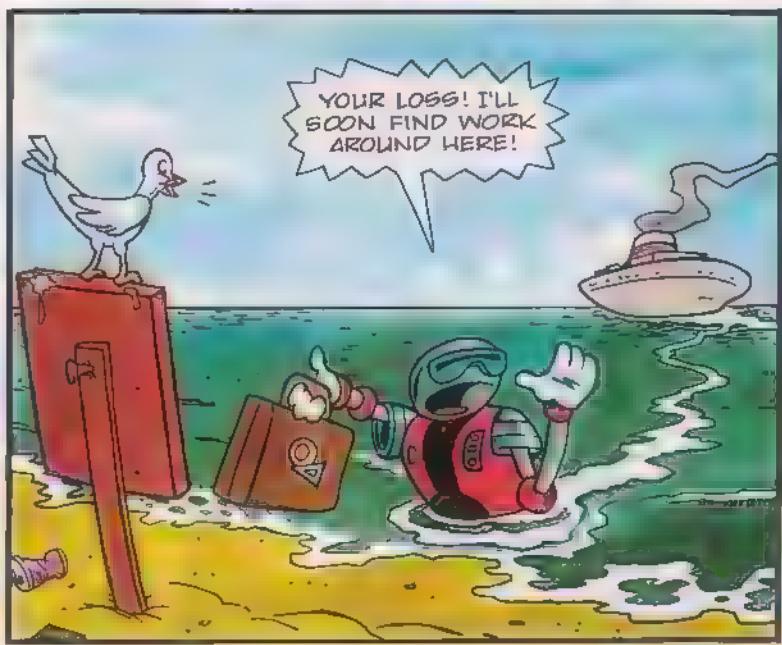
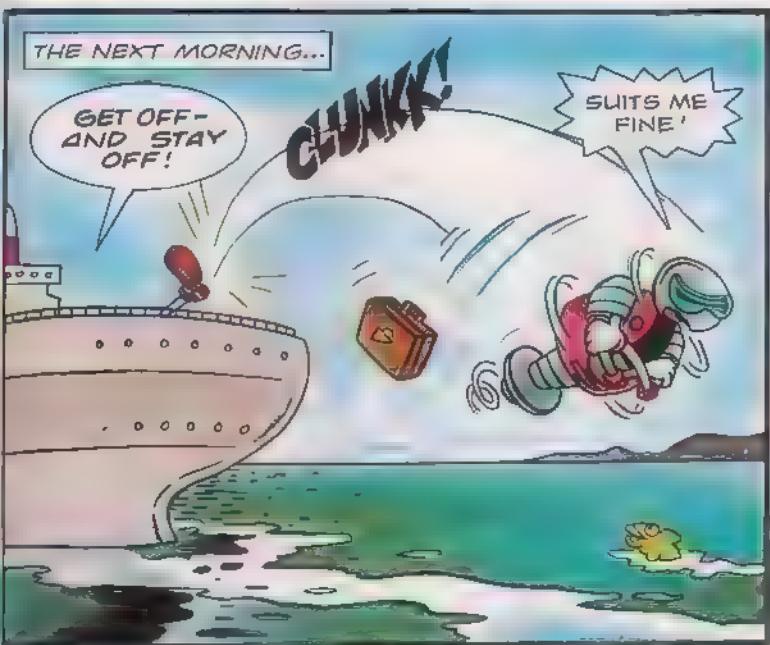
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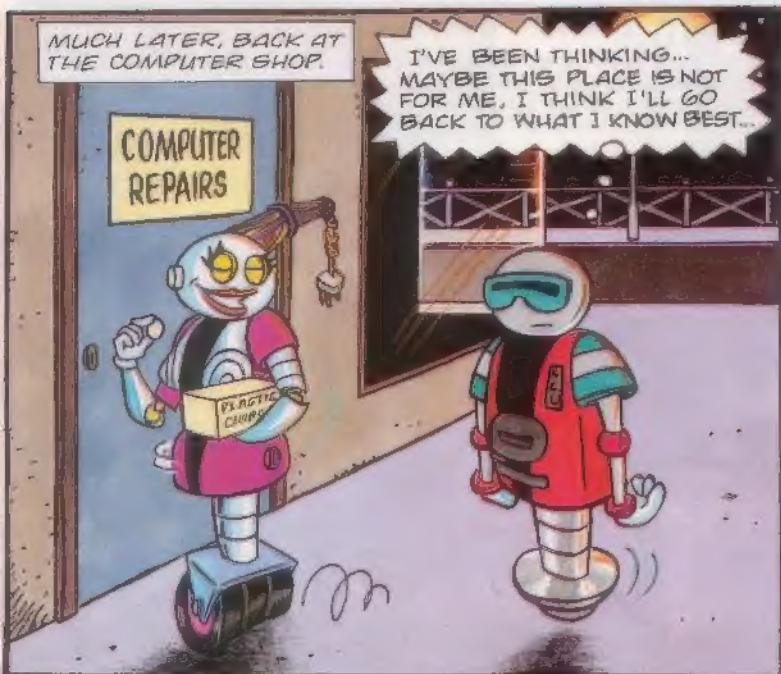
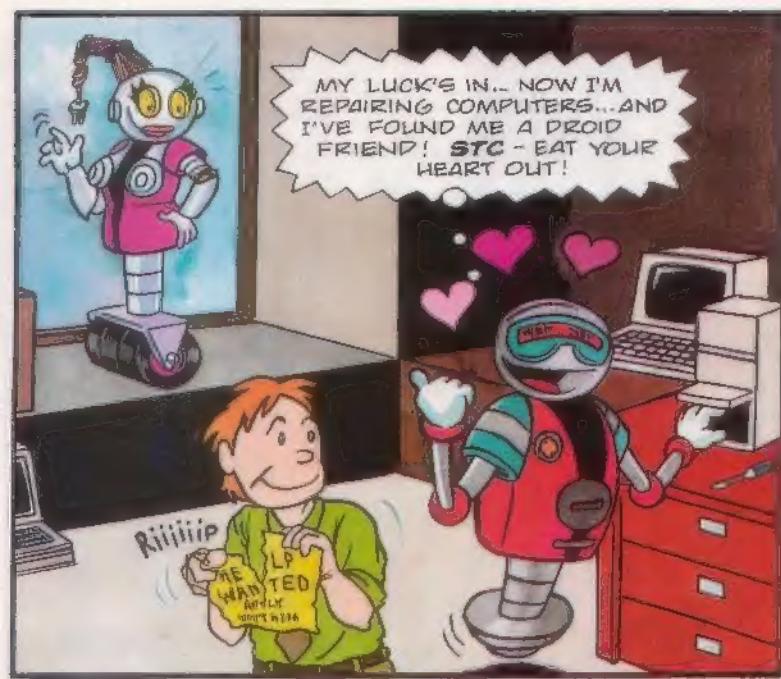
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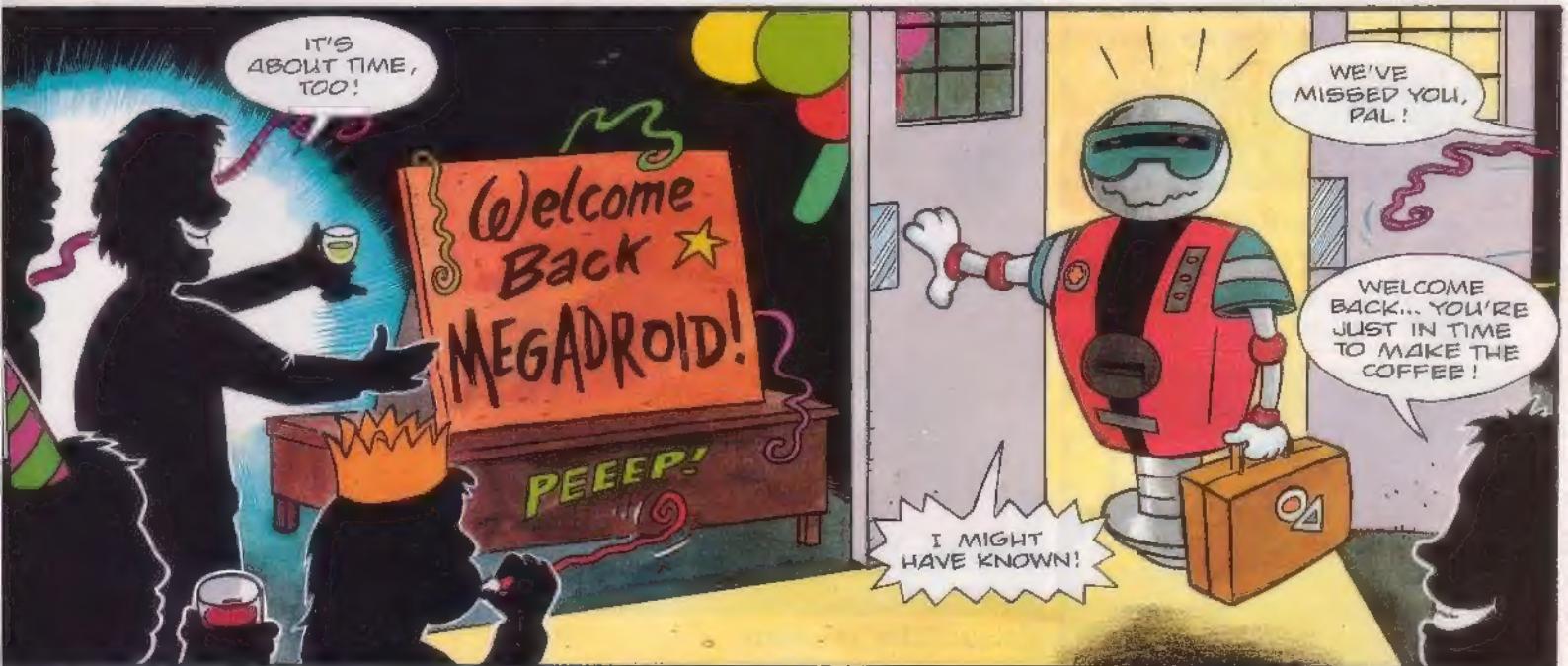
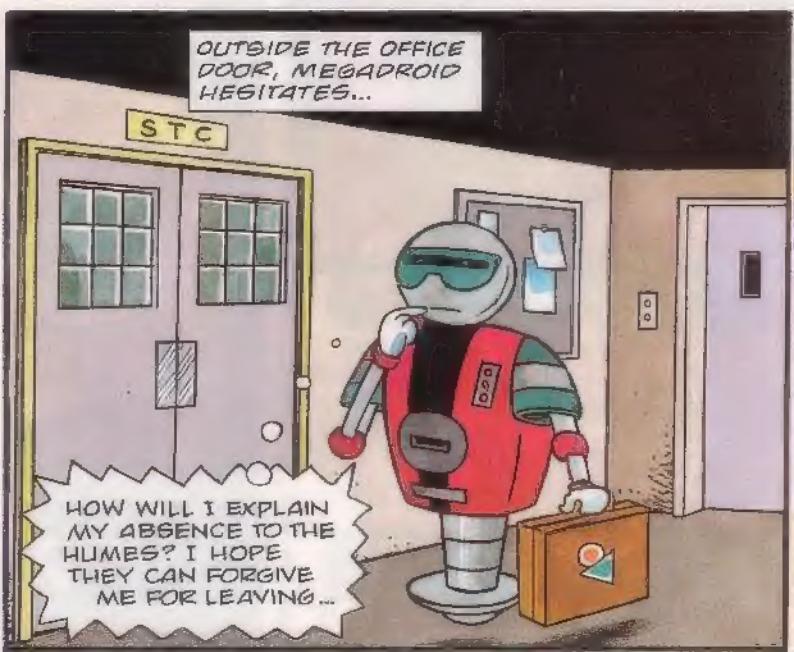
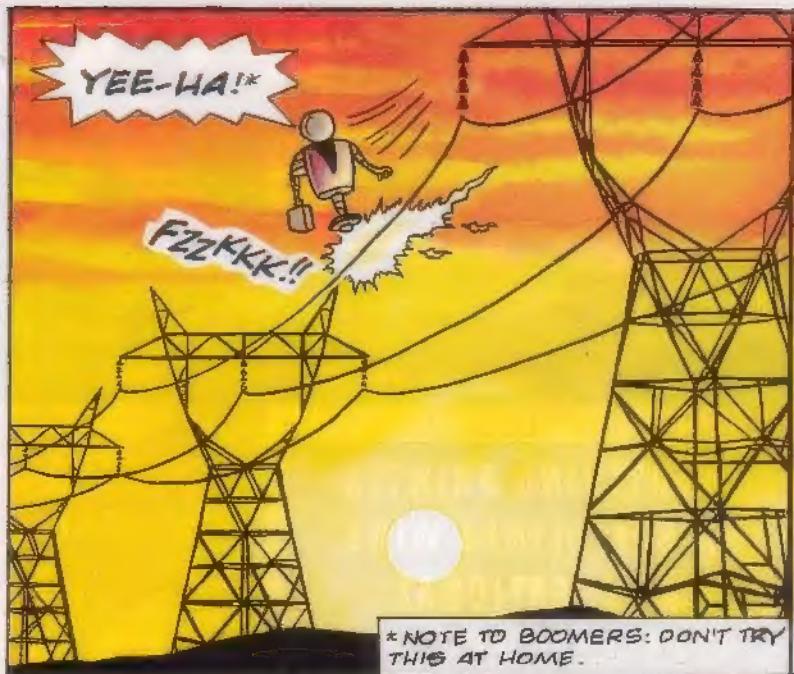
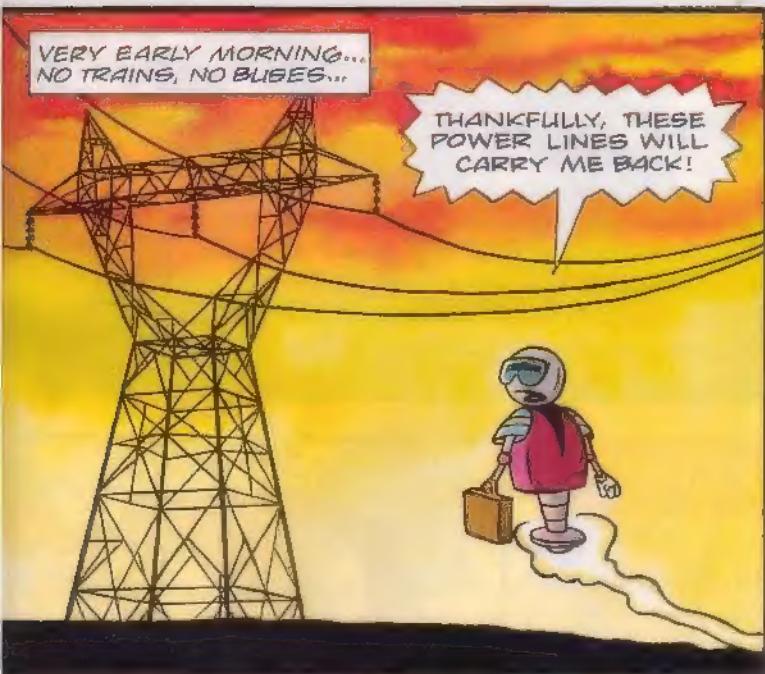
THE NERVE CENTRE
OF STC ACTIVITIES...











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SEGA MEGA HOG TAG!



CHANNEL TUNING

Dear Megadroid,

What ever happened to the News Zone? This insight into the world of Sega, fast became my favourite section of the comic. It was useful being the Sega 'know-it-all' at college, but now I'm as dumb as the rest!

Owen Davies GG/MD owner.

Please send in your full snail mail address.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



So much for the old hume saying, "No news is good news"!

However, do not fret

Owen, because next issue, STC has a special news feature on the forthcoming Sega Channel!



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Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

SPEEDLINES

GETTING PERSONAL!

Dear Megadroid,

I must know the following:-

- 1) When is it your birthday?
- 2) How do you get around, when you have no legs?
- 3) Do you go to the bathroom?

Mark Farrelly,
Dublin, Ireland.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



- 1) I'm as old as STC itself ...
- 2) Hover look in my own story, this issue ...
- 3) Mind you own business!

I see great things in store next issue ...



Daniel Fulton, Portsmouth.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

Knuckles has a fistful of dollars ...



Craig Marlow, Northants.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

D.I.Y. SONIC

Dear STC,

I have a great idea, how about a step-by-step guide of instructions on how to draw Sonic?

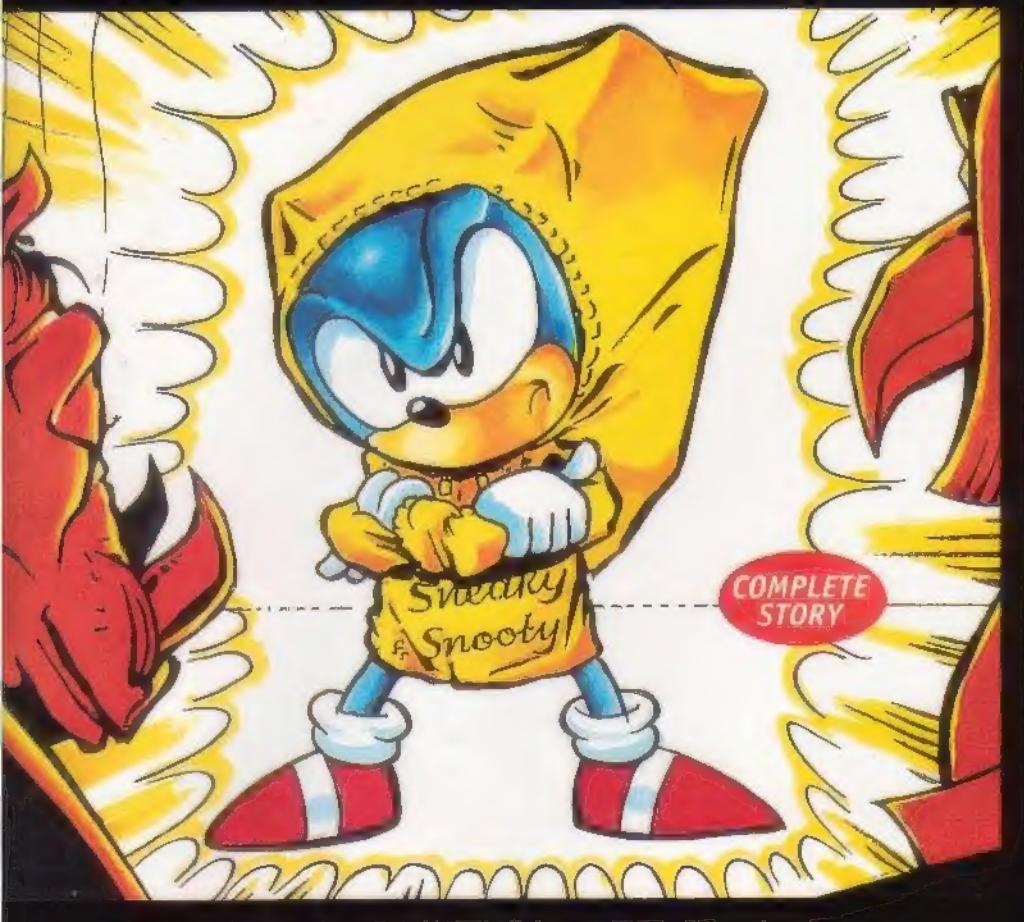
Ryan Worgan, Letchworth, Herts.
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Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



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